the meantime, in order to achieve the objective of openness and transparency in Government functioning, instructions have been issued by the Union Home Ministry to all the Central Ministries/Departments for taking effective steps towards this objective which includes, inter-alia, further details being furnished in replies to parliament Questions, revamping of public relations cells in Ministries/Departments which deal with public enquiries/complaints, provision of more information in annual reports, institution of effective mechanism for replying to communications received from the public etc.

Supreme Court direction to review TADA cases

4727. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recently Supreme Court of India directed the Central and State Governments to review all TADA cases ;

(b) if so, what progress has so far been made in this regard in each of the States and Union Territories with details of TADA cases reviewed by each of them; and

(c) how many TADA detenues were released after the review in the States and Union Territories ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The question of setting up of Review Committees as a part of over all exercise to implement effectively the observations/suggestions contained in the Supreme Court judgment is under consideration of the Government.

ISI ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE OF BIHAR

4728. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the activities of ISI of Pakistan are rising in the State of Bihar particularly on Indo-Nepal borders of the State ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to stop ISI activities in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SYEED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government are aware that Pak ISI have been using Nepal as a base for contacting Kashmiri and Sikh militants. These elements have been using Bihar to enter Nepal to evade arrests.

(c) Police stations, outposts and immigration checkposts on Indo-Nepal border have been alerted to keep strict vigil. Border Security and Policing have also been tightened all along the border.

Smuggling of Arms ammunitions by ISI

4729. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 2nd April, 1994 under the caption "ISI behind smuggled arms" stating that large quantity of arms and ammunitions are being smuggled into the country from Pakistan ;

(b) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of ammunitions were seized in Kandla Port if so, what are the details there—indicating the arrests made thereon ; and

(c) what steps Government of India are taken to curb the ISI activities in the country and also to prevent smuggling of weapons ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not true that huge quantity of ammunition was seized from Kandla Port. What was seized by the Customs was scrap materials of used catridges brought from Kuwait. Preliminary investigations

have not revealed the hands of anti-national elements in this incident.

(c) Government is aware of the designs of ISI of Pakistan to carry out espionage, sub-version and sabotage in India in a clandestine manner and is taking all necessary steps to combat and frustrate such objectives by gearing up the intelligence machinery, sharing of intelligence and co-ordinated action by the concerned Central and State agencies, strengthening the deployment of para-military forces at strategic locations, intensified coastal as well as inland patrolling, construction of border fencing and flood lighting in vulnerable stretches of the Indo-Pak border. Appropriate instructions have also been issued to the Navy, Coast-Guards and Customs for carrying out intensive patrolling in the high seas as well as along the coastline. The outcome of these efforts is being regularly monitored.

Headless Central Police Organisations

4730. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a majority of Central Police Organisations are headless for several months and in one case almost for a year ;

(b) if so, what are the posts which have no heads at the moment ;

(c) what are the reasons for not filling up these posts ;

(d) by when the posts are likely to be filled up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (d) The posts of Directors General, NSG and RPF are vacant since 1-8-93 and 1-4-93 respectively. Selection of an IPS officer to the post of Director General, NSG has since been made and orders for his appointment have been issued on 15-4-1994. As for the post of Director General, RPF, there is an interim order from Calcutta High Court restraining the Central Government from appointing any officer to this post.

Increase infiltration of Bangladeshi's in Orissa

4731. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing problem of infiltration of Bangladeshi's in Orissa and some other States ;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Cental Government to check the growing infiltration ; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Government is aware that certain Bangladeshis have managed to infiltrate into some areas of the country because of ethnic-linguistic similarities.

(b) and (c) Various measures including intensification of patrolling by the BSF, strengthening of its water wing, accelerated programme of construction of Boarder Roads, Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (PIF)/Mobile Task Force (MIF) schemes, issue of Identity Cards to people residing in border areas, etc. have been taken/are being taken to check the infiltration of such migrants.

News items regarding emergency Government in J&K

4732. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will he Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee Chief has recently demanded the setting up of an emergency Government in Jammu and Kashmir as per the newsitem which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated 29th March, 1994, entitled "Kar wants Emergency Government in J&K" ;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard ; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter ?